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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR APRIL 21-22 SLT MEETING

1. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PASS MESSAGE IN PARA 2 TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR SLT MATTERS. OECD PASS TO SECRETARIAT.

2. AGENDA FOR APRIL 21-22 SLT

A. GROUP OBJECTIVE FOR REDUCED DEPENDENCE. AT ITS MARCH MEETING THE GOVERNING BOARD REQUESTED THE SLT TO RECOMMEND AN IEA GROUP OBJECTIVE FOR 1985. THE SLT REPORT WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF HOW SUCH AN OBJECTIVE CAN BE ATTAINED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE "LINES OF FUTURE ACTION" IN THE SLT REPORT ON REVIEWS OF NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS, AN EXAMINATION OF WAYS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE EQUIVALENCE OF EFFORT AMONGST PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (IN THIS CONNECTION WE WILL CONSIDER THE PAPERS SUBMITTED BY THE ITALIAN DELEGATION, BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATION SUB-GROUP, AND THE FORTHCOMING PAPER FROM THE DANISH DELEGATION) AND THE STATUS OF ANALYSIS TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION. A DRAFT SLT REPORT TO THE GB COVERING THESE SUBJECTS IS BEING CIRCULATED TO YOU

SEPARATELY. I WOULD PROPOSE TO TAKE THIS UP AS OUR FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 21.

B. FINALIZE ARRANGMENTS FOR NEXT SLT REVIEW CYCLE. YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED THE SECRETARIAT DRAFT SETTING OUT PROCEDURES AND TIMETABLE AGREED TO AT THE LAST SLT MEETING (ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST SLT). WE SHOULD ENSURE THAT THIS DESCRIPTION REFLECTS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSENSUS ACHIEVED AT THE MARCH SLT, FINALIZE THE COMPOSITION OF THE IN-DEPTH REVIEW TEAMS AND THE LEAD RAPPORTEURS AGREED ON FOR THE SLT REVIEW. THE SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE AT THE MEETING A NOTE DESCRIBING THE ROLE OF THE RAPPORTEURS.

- C. REPORT OF NUCLEAR SUB-GROUP. THE REPORT OF THE SUBGROUP ON THE 1977 NUCLEAR REVIEW HAS BEEN CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARIAT (IEA/SLT(77)60). IN LIGHT OF ITS CONCLUSIONS, WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE SCOPE FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN THE NUCLEAR AREA.
- D. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT BY CRD STEERING GROUP ON ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CRD WORKING DOCUMENT NO 1, FEBRUARY 11, 1977). THE STEERING GROUP SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE CRD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE SLT TO CONSIDER THOSE ASPECTS OF THE REPORT WHICH BEAR DIRECTLY ON OUR WORK FOR POSSIBLE TRANSMISSION TO THE CRD. THE

FOLLOWING ISSUES RAISED BY THE REPORT SEEM TO MERIT OUR ATTENTION:

1) TIME FRAME - THE R&D SYSTEMS ANALYSTS DETERMINED THAT EVALUATION OF OUR ENERGY OPTIONS REQUIRES A LONGER TIME SPAN THAN 1985; THEY HAVE EXTENDED THEIR ANALYSIS TO THE YEAR 2000. THE SLT REVIEW JUST COMPLETED FOCUSES ON 1985 AND THE EXPECTED IMPACT OF ENERGY PROGRAMS IN PLACE IN MEMBER COUNTRIES BY THAT TIME. THE CHOICE OF A LONGER TIME-FRAME FOR EVALUATING R&D STRATEGY SEEMS APPROPRIATE. WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE SLT TO EXTEND ITS OWN TIME HORIZON, PERHAPS TO 1990?

2) HOW DOES THE SLT REGARD THE GROUPING OF OBJECTIVES WHICH THE STEERING GROUP SUGGESTS AT PAGES 17-20, AND THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS AS TO PRIORITIES WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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EMERGES FROM TABLE 6? HOW DO THESE SUGGESTED OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES RELATE TO THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH EMERGED FROM THE SLT REVIEW AS TO THE MAIN MEASURES REQUIRED IN NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS?

3) HOW CAN WE ENSURE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION OF NATIONAL ENERGY AND R&D POLICIES? THE PROPOSED CRD REVIEW OF R&D PROGRAMS EXPLICITLY SEEKS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THIS LINKAGE. HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN THIS INTERACTION IN THE OVERALL SLT REVIEW OF NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS?

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO INFORM THE SLT WHETHER THE CRD HAS DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IN-DEPTH REVIEWS.

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